

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The structure of the above described soles in fact has, at least in a downward region thereof, layers of microperforated plastic material, i.e., provided with holes having a diameter on the order of 1-2 millimeters, and the total area of the microperforations in any case limits the area of the membrane that is actually affected by the exchange of heat and vapor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The described sole can be applied, in ~~[[the]]~~ commonly known ways, to an upper 20 of any kind so as to constitute a shoe 21.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The coupling between the tread 115 and the supporting layer 110 can be obtained also in the ~~manners~~ manner described in the first embodiment, i.e., by gluing or high-frequency welding.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The structure allows one to enlarge the area of the membrane until it affects substantially the entire sole of the foot.